

MOUNT VERNON CITY LIBRARY

3. CODE OF CONDUCT

3.01 PURPOSE

This policy is intended to ensure an atmosphere of safe and appropriate use of the Library.

3.02 PROHIBITED ACTIONS

The following actions are prohibited on Library property:

3.02.010 Disruptive Behavior including:

- Disturbing other patrons in any manner
- Engaging in disorderly conduct, running, excessive noise, or fighting
- Use of cell phone—which interrupts others
- Not wearing shoes or shirt
- Misuse of restrooms
- Excessive public displays of affection
- Abusive acts and/or obscene language
- Loitering/sleeping (including refusal to leave at closing)
- Uncovered beverages, or consuming food inside the building
- Bringing animals or pets (except service animals) into the Library
- Excessive body odor/perfume/cologne
- Aggressive selling and/or soliciting for money, items or services

3.02.020 Harassment of Library users and/or staff, either verbally or through actions including:

- Intimidation
- Verbal abuse
- Use of profanity or other abusive language whether written or oral
- Harassment on account of race, religion, ethnic background, gender or sexual orientation
- Staring at or following another person in the Library

3.02.030 Illegal behavior including:

- Carrying or displaying a firearm or weapon in a way that intimidates another or warrants concern for safety (RCW 9.41.270)
- Smoking, or other uses of tobacco
- Intentionally damaging, destroying or stealing any Library property
- Possessing, consuming or being under the influence of alcohol or illegal substances
- Sexual misconduct (exposure, offensive touching, stalking or sexual harassment)
- Any other illegal acts or conduct in violation of Federal, State and/or local law, ordinance, or regulation

3.04 CONSEQUENCES

3.04.010 Warning

Individuals not conforming to the Code of Conduct may be given one polite, private reminder to correct their behavior first, or asked to leave immediately, depending on the severity of the situation.

3.04.020 Exclusion

Failure to comply with the Library's established Code of Conduct may result in exclusion from the Library and/or being subject to arrest. The Library may withdraw permission for a person to re-enter the facility if the person continues violating these rules (RCW 27.12.290).

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